

**LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, October 21, 2004

Members Present: Judge Kathleen Voor Montano, Chair; Chief Judge Donald Armstrong, Jr.; Col. John Aubrey; Patricia Combs; Ann Schiavone Dyke (Designee for Irv Maze); Kelly Downard; Rev. Charles Duncan; Chief Judge Stephen George; Leo Smith (Designee for Dan Goyette); Roger Henderson; Steve Jenkins; Richard Lewis; Chief Judge James Shake; Laura Volk (Designee for Karl Stankovic); Tim Vize; Major David Ray (Designee for Chief White); Clarence Williams; and Louis Willis.

Excused Members: Kim Allen; Walker Cunningham; Sheriall Cunningham; and Bob Schmitt.

Guests Present: Lt. Mark Boehnlein (LMPD); Maurice Risner (Jefferson County Public Schools); Julie Hayes (District Court Administrator); Carla Kreitman (Circuit Court Administrator); Peggy Kidwell (Criminologist); Sharon Brite (LMPD); Russ Stapleton (LMPD).

Staff Present: David Nicholson; Bruce McMichael; Stephanie Stidham; Faith Hartlage; and Barbara West.

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Judge Montano, Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance and extended a special welcome back to Louisville to Jane Burks, President, Center for Women and Families.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2004 MEETING

The meeting summary of the September 16, 2004 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Judge Montano mentioned the retirements of David Elder, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI and Joe Payne, Metro Corrections. Both were dedicated members of the Commission and will be missed. The Judge referenced the agenda packet *Courier-Journal* article on Reverend Charles Duncan, Pastor, First Virginia Avenue Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Duncan's church is undertaking a building project to construct a new sanctuary and support facility on the site of the old church. A second *Courier-Journal* article highlighted the newly formed unit known as MATT (medical and tactical team) which is a hybrid of law enforcement, medical and public health officials to handle emergencies. The article credits the Commission with seeking out \$400,000 in funding for the team training to handle terror threats. Also in the packet was an *MSNBC.com* story entitled "Kentucky's Pain" on the OxyContin problem in Eastern Kentucky and the status of the three-year war that has been undertaken to battle the abuse.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Jane Burks, President, Center for Women and Families - presented a PowerPoint overview of the Center, its facilities and services. The Center provided services to some 30,000 individuals last year in seven counties in Kentucky and southern Indiana. A range of programs is offered, including the areas of domestic violence, rape crisis, economic success, hospital advocacy and legal justice. Programs for children are safety focused. Ninety-one percent of funding for the Center comes from

grants and contributions. Ms. Burks provided copies of the Center's Annual Report 2002-2003 and a brochure on the Earned Income Tax Credit program. Board members were encouraged to visit the Center's website (thecenteronline.com) for additional information.

B. Lt. Mark Boehnlein, Domestic Violence Program Coordinator, Louisville Metro Police – introduced himself as the newly assigned coordinator and presented an update on the Domestic Violence Program. Lt. Boehnlein stressed that the detectives and advocates assigned to each of the newly formed divisions is committed to the program. He provided a map illustrating the eight divisions, a listing of addresses and phone numbers for each of the division commanders, and an assignment listing by division of the domestic violence detectives and advocates. The staff complement of detectives (15) is complete at this time. Advocates are assigned by the Center for Women and Families and will be reviewed in 90 days to see if any changes, based on service needs, should be made. Lt. Boehnlein recognized Lt. Lynn Hunt for her past work on domestic violence issues for LMPD and assured members that the same level of service and commitment will be maintained.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Elder Abuse Services Coordinating Committee - Ann Schiavone, Chair – reported that the Seniors Day Out event, held at Slugger Field on October 5th was well attended. Over 1,000 seniors participated. State Representative Joni Jenkins was honored at the event by the AARP as the Legislator of the Year. Training will be conducted in the near future for Family Court judges and District and Circuit Court terms. Ms. Schiavone also announced the cell phone program for the elderly that is being conducted by the Sheriff's Department.

B. Justice Reinvestment Project - Faith Hartlage, Criminal Justice Commission - reminded members that Metro Government received a six-month \$50,000 planning grant from the SOROS Foundation to develop a strategy and comprehensive plan for enhancing the re-entry of released prisoners coming back into the community. The Mayor recently held a kick-off meeting. (The PowerPoint presentation and resource materials from that meeting are included in the agenda packets.) Subcommittees have been formed to collect data on the number and types of prisoners being released and the types of services this population requires. A pilot project will be designed to coordinate and develop an integrated plan consisting of the existing community, local and state government available resources.

C. Disproportionate Minority Confinement Mapping Projects - Faith Hartlage - reported that the grant project is targeting the California and Newburg areas for neighborhood walks by local youth to document the makeup of the areas. The Newburg project will be conducted on Saturday, October 23rd and the California neighborhood will be canvassed on Saturday, November 13th.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

David Nicholson deferred to Stephanie Stidham who reported on the following:

- Commission staff has worked for the past year to secure \$8.9M in Federal Homeland Security funding for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). The kick-off meeting for this grant project will be held on Monday, October 25th. The UASI grant includes eleven projects and is a collaborative effort with Federal and State partners. It is hoped that funding will be in place by November.
- Louisville Metro is waiting to hear from the COPS Office regarding a change of scope in the COPS Interoperability grant for \$6M/\$2M match.

David Nicholson mentioned that the legislative session will begin in January. He advised members to contact him via phone or email if their respective agency requires any legislative research or assistance in drafting legislation.

VII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 18, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center.